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Honoring the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, for his service to the people of India and to the world, and welcoming the Prime Minister to the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 21, 2009

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOND, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, for his service to the people of India and to the world, and welcoming the Prime Minister to the United States.

Whereas, on August 15, 1947, India became a sovereign, democratic nation;

Whereas the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh is now the honoree of President Barack Obama's historic first State Dinner;

Whereas India is the world's largest democracy, embracing and upholding fundamental liberties and freedoms, justice, and the rule of law;

Whereas the 2009 parliamentary elections in India were the world's largest democratic election to date;

Whereas India is a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-religious society that promotes tolerance, diversity, and equality;

Whereas the 100,000 Indians who are studying in the United States and the 2,500,000 Americans of Indian descent living in the United States, including Nobel Laureates, artists, business leaders, journalists, and public servants, have contributed enormously to the rich social, political, and economic fabric of the United States;

Whereas cooperation between the United States and India in the areas of science and technology, our advancement of security and defense, and our commitment to clean energy continue to strengthen the bond between the two countries and enhance mutual admiration;

Whereas India serves as a pivotal and effective partner in ensuring international peace and security and is the third largest contributor of personnel to United Nations peace-keeping missions;

Whereas, since the liberalization of India's economy in 1991, bilateral trade has increased and benefitted both India and the United States;

Whereas, the market economy in India has contributed to increased economic opportunities, reduced poverty, and accompanying stability; and

Whereas a strong relationship between the people and governments of the United States and India, based on mutual trust and respect, will enable the countries to more closely collaborate across a broad spectrum of interests, such as global peace and prosperity, counterterrorism, defense,

nonproliferation, economic prosperity, energy and climate change, education, scientific research, outer space, public health, and agriculture: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) warmly welcomes the Prime Minister of
3 India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, on his official state
4 visit;

5 (2) believes that together, the governments of
6 India and the United States can bring immense ben-
7 efits to their people and make enormous contribu-
8 tions to addressing the global challenges of the 21st
9 century;

10 (3) looks forward to the continuing progress in
11 relations between India and the United States; and

12 (4) appreciates the contributions of Americans
13 of Indian descent and desires closer relations be-
14 tween the people of the United States and the people
15 of India.

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